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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE CHIEF OF STAFF, U.S. ARMY

SUBJECT: Canadian Participation in the Forthcoming Intelligence Conference  
(SK-1513-50)

SUMMARY:

1. The Joint Intelligence Committee advised the British Joint Intelligence Committee that Canadian participation in the forthcoming U.S. - U.K. Intelligence Conference was neither essential nor appropriate. The British replied that since the Canadians took part in the ABCI-15 conference it is reasonable that they should take part in the forthcoming conference. Since it is undesirable to offend the Canadians, the Joint Intelligence Committee requests authorization from the JCS to inform the British that the United States Joint Intelligence Committee has no objection to Canadian participation if such an invitation is issued by the British to the Canadians. G-2 recommends that the Joint Intelligence Committee request be approved.

OBJECTIVES

2. a. The Joint Intelligence Committee has primary interest.
- b. Approval of this paper will result in the British Joint Intelligence Committee being informed that the United States Joint Intelligence Committee has no objection to Canadian participation in the forthcoming conference if such an invitation is issued by the British to the Canadians.

DISCUSSION

3. A combined American-British-Canadian Estimate of Soviet Intentions and Capabilities - 1950 (JIC 435/35) was produced at a conference in Washington in September 1949.

4. A long-term (1956/57) estimate was drafted by the conferees but adoption and circulation was withheld since "it was too general to present a sound basis for planning." (ABCI 6/10, page 1)

5. In April 1950 the British Joint Intelligence Committee invited the U.S. Joint Intelligence Committee to meet in London "to prepare this Long Term Intelligence Appreciation, 1955/56." (Enclosure "B," JIC 520, page 4 par 4.)

6. In May 1950 the United States Joint Intelligence Committee "agreed to send a working team" to meet with the British Joint Intelligence Committee, but "with reference to the subject matter to be considered in forthcoming British-American intelligence conference U.S. Joint Intelligence Committee considers that the discussions should comprise exchange of intelligence relating to the mid-range period (1954) as a starting point. The U.S. Joint Intelligence Committee is not prepared at this time to concur in the U.K. Joint Intelligence Committee conclusion as to the significance of 1955/56; however, they have no objection to discussion of it in conference.

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7. To date the differences between the agenda proposed by the British and that proposed by the Americans have not been resolved. However, on 18 May 1950, the U.S. Joint Intelligence Committee "b. Agreed that none of the papers produced during the forthcoming U.S.-British Intelligence Conference should be disseminated as agreed U.S.-U.K. intelligence estimates." (Note by the Secretaries, JIC 520.)

8. The U.S. Joint Intelligence Committee advised the British that Canadian participation was "not essential, and in view of NATO agreements, not entirely appropriate." (SM-1313-50, page 3, par 5) To this the British replied "Since the Canadians took part in the preparation of APCI 15, Part II of which (the Long Term Appreciation) was never completed, it is reasonable that the Canadians should take part in a meeting which will in effect result in a Long Term Appreciation." (Note: This is a direct quotation from JIC 520/1, page 2, par 3; the statement in SM-1313-50, page 3, par 4, being a paraphrase.)

9. "6. On 13 June 1950, the U.S. Joint Intelligence Committee again considered the forthcoming London conference, and also the question of Canadian participation, and agreed that it would be undesirable to offend the Canadians, which might occur if the Canadians should request participation and be denied that participation by the British because of U.S. objection thereto.

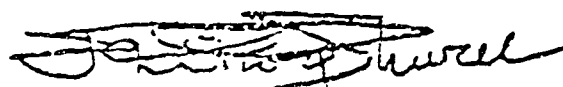
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#### RECOMMENDATION

10. Approval of the Joint Intelligence Committee request contained in par 9, above.

#### COORDINATION

<sup>Concurs</sup>  
G-3 ~~informed~~ (Col Fondren - 75495)  
Navy informed (Capt L. H. Frost - 76071)  
Air Force informed (Col E. H. Porter - 71110)

  
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